[26th November 1952

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" In view of the fact that the dearness allowance of Government servants has been increased since 1948, will the Government restore the cut effected in the dearness allowance of pensioners? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In view of our acute financial position, we are not in a position to increase the dearness allowance of pensioners."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU —"వంద రూపాయలకు పైన పెన్షన్ తీసుకొనేవారికి ఈ cut ను restore చేయడం జరిగినదా? ఈ cut ను restore చేసిన తరువాత Central Government పెన్షనర్ల కిచ్చే dearness allowances rate కు Madras Government ఇచ్చే dearness allowance rate కు ఏమైనా వ్యత్యాసమున్నదా? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir."

Memorial from the Pensioners' Association, Cannanore.

* 159 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government received a memorial, dated the 26th October 1952, signed by the President of the Pensioners' Association, Cannanore, requesting the restoration of the cut in the dearness allowance imposed in G.O. No. 45, Finance (Pension), dated the 22nd January 1947, and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. The Government considered it unnecessary to restore the cut made in 1948, as no other State Government or the Central Government were paying dearness allowance to pensioners at the higher rates sanctioned by this Government in 1947. The restoration of the higher rates would involve considerable extra expenditure of a recurring nature, and the Government see no justification for it, under the present financial conditions."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister for Finance has just now stated that in view of the acute financial position of the Government they are not in a position to restore the cut in the dearness allowance of pensioners. May we have an assurance from the Hon. Minister that no further cut (if not restoration) will be imposed on their pension? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I cannot give any assurance. Everything will be decided according to the money available with the Government."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is there any irreducible minimum which should be given to pensioners whatever salary they might have been drawing while on active service? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."